



**United States Department of State**

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Directorate of Defense Trade Controls  
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Compliance & Registration Division  
Washington, D.C. 20522-0112*

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AHMAD TAYEH, PRESIDENT  
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**REGISTRANT CODE: M31775**  
**EXPIRATION DATE: 12/31/2013**

Reference: Exporter Registration Statement and Fee Submission

Dear Mr. Tayeh:

The Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance, Compliance and Registration Division (CRD), received your registration statement, and fee to register as an exporter. Our review is now completed. Your registration code is M31775. It expires on 12/31/2013.

Any person who engages in the United States in the business of either manufacturing or exporting defense articles or furnishing defense services is required to register and keep their registration current with this Office pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR Part 122). Registration serves as a precondition to submitting an application for an export license or other approval from the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), or to use export exemptions. This registration does not satisfy the requirements for registering as a broker pursuant to ITAR Part 129.

As you are the senior officer who has been empowered to sign the registration statement, we ask you to maintain records consistent with ITAR Section 122.5 regarding: 1) The key senior officer listed on the registration who will oversee the compliance program and be responsible for designating the direct employees who will serve as "empowered officials" at their place of employment, and 2) A list of qualified, direct employees who will serve as "empowered officials" by name, position, business unit, phone and fax numbers and email addresses. Please note that third parties (individuals who are not direct employees, such as consultants, subcontractors or outside counsel, for example) cannot serve as "empowered officials."

ITAR Section 122.5 requires you to maintain records concerning your registration and the manufacture, acquisition and disposition of defense articles; the provision of defense services; and information on political contributions, fees, or commissions furnished or obtained, as required by ITAR Part 130. Records maintained shall be available at all times for inspection

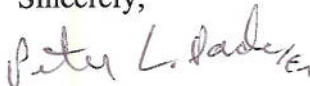
and copying by this Office or by Customs officials. To maintain such records, managers, supervisors and employees need appropriate training on AECA and ITAR requirements and understand the individual and organizational ramifications for failure to comply. Ramifications may include shipment delay and/or shipment seizure by Customs and Border Protection, loss of export privileges, or criminal charges.

You may refer to the DDTC website for a Compliance Guide at <http://www.pmdtdc.state.gov/> and then click on the Compliance tab. The DDTC website also includes a copy of the ITAR, explanations of export licensing procedures, how to submit a license application, country sanctions, individuals / companies debarred by the Department of State and other export matters. The website also includes procedures for requesting a commodity jurisdiction determination (ITAR Section 120.4) should you have questions on whether an article, services or technical data is covered by the ITAR Part 121 (U.S. Munitions List).

Please include your registration code and the following statement on all Registration correspondence to this Office: "Under penalty according to federal law (22 CFR 127.2; 22 USC 2778; 18 USC 1001) I, [insert your name], as authorized by [name of company, if applicable] warrant the truth of the statements made herein." We recommend your registration be received up to 45 days prior to the expiration date. However, your registration must be received at least 30 days prior to this new expiration date. Registration must be current to apply for export licenses or other approvals, or to use export exemptions. Your registration is not current, for example, if you have not notified Office of any material change in the information contained in your Registration Statement (ITAR Section 122.4).

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact us at (202) 663-1282 or [DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov](mailto:DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov).

Sincerely,



Daniel Cook

Chief, Compliance and Registration Division